

Area residents who need to register to vote in Wisconsin should remember that their Wisconsin Driver's License number is an important key to voter registration. Federal law now requires voters who have a driver's license to use the number from that license for the registration process. In the new Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), the driver's license number used on the voter registration form will be cross-checked with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) records to make sure that the person listed with that number is the same person who registered to vote. Voters who register or re-register in their clerk's office, by mail, or at the polling place on Election Day will be asked to list their driver's license number on the registration form. Local election officials do not have to see the driver's license or check it, but will require any voter with a Wisconsin license to use the license number to register. (However, to use a driver's license to prove a voter's residence, a poll worker must see the license.) For voters who do not have a driver's license, the number from a state DOT-issued ID card or the last four digits of a voter's Social Security number can also be used to fulfill the federal requirement. People who use false identification numbers to register to vote can be prosecuted. In rare cases, Wisconsin residents do not have a driver's license, state ID or a Social Security number. However, they may still register to vote. Those voters must check a box on the voter registration form that attests that they have none of the three and turn in the form, and will need to provide additional documents to prove proof of residency. Voters with questions about Wisconsin voter registration and use of the driver's license number should contact the City of Cudahy Clerk's Office at 414 769-2204 or see the State Elections Division website at www.elections.wi.gov.

VOTER REGISTRATION BASICS

If you register early to vote you reduce your chances of standing in line on Election Day.

In order to register to vote, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be age 18 or older on or before Election Day
- Have resided in an election district or ward for 10 days, with no present intent to move, before any election where the citizen offers to vote

You cannot vote in any election if you have:

- Been convicted of treason, felony, or bribery that has not completed the terms of his or her sentence including probation, parole or extended supervision
- Been determined by a court to be incapable of understanding the objective of the elective process or who are under guardianship
- Made or become interested, directly or indirectly, in any bet or wager depending upon the result of the election

To register to vote you must present a form of identification showing proof of residence that includes a current and complete name (including both the given and family name) and a current and complete residential address (including a numbered street address and a municipality name).

Acceptable forms of proof of residence are:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card issued by the Department of Transportation
- Any other official ID card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election day (this is NOT permissible for first-time voters registering by mail; if no proof of residence is included with the mailed registration, the elector will be required to supply proof of residence before being permitted to vote).
- A university, college or technical institute fee card (must include photo)
- A university, college or technical institute identification card (must include photo)
- A gas, electric or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before election day
- Bank statement
- Pay check
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government

If no acceptable proof of residence is available, a person may have his or her residence corroborated by an elector who resides in the municipality. A corroborator shall provide acceptable proof of residence.

You can register by mail by downloading and filling out the voter application form from our website, and mailing it to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office (5050 S. Lake Drive). The application must be postmarked no later than the 20th day (3rd Wednesday) before the election.

To register in person, come to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. You can also register at the polling place on Election Day. If you are a first-time voter, remember to bring proof of residence.

If you have a current, valid Wisconsin driver's license but do not know the number and did not bring it to the polling place, poll workers should allow you to vote by provisional ballot. (Note: you CANNOT use the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number if you have been issued a Wisconsin driver's license). The provisional ballot will not be counted until you either:

- Bring your driver's license number to your polling place before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day; or
- Transmit (via fax, email, telephone call or personal visit) your driver's license number to the municipal clerk before 4:00 p.m. on the day after the Election.

Other Residency Considerations

Although the following electors may not currently reside in a given municipality, they may still be qualified to vote in the City of Cudahy. These persons must meet all other voter qualification requirements.

- Military personnel away from their Wisconsin residence
- An overseas voter who last resided in Cudahy before going overseas and/or his or her children who are 18 or older
- A former Wisconsin resident who is ineligible to qualify as an elector in the state to which the elector has moved may only vote for President
- A new Wisconsin resident who has moved to the state within 10 days of the election may only vote for President
- Note: A former resident who has moved to a different municipality in Wisconsin within 10 days of the election must vote at their previous polling place